Daily life Crisis Noah's contemporaries: Flood eating and drinking, and marrying One taken,

Men working in the field Women grinding at the mill Homeowner asleep at night Burglar

Isaiah 2:2, 4

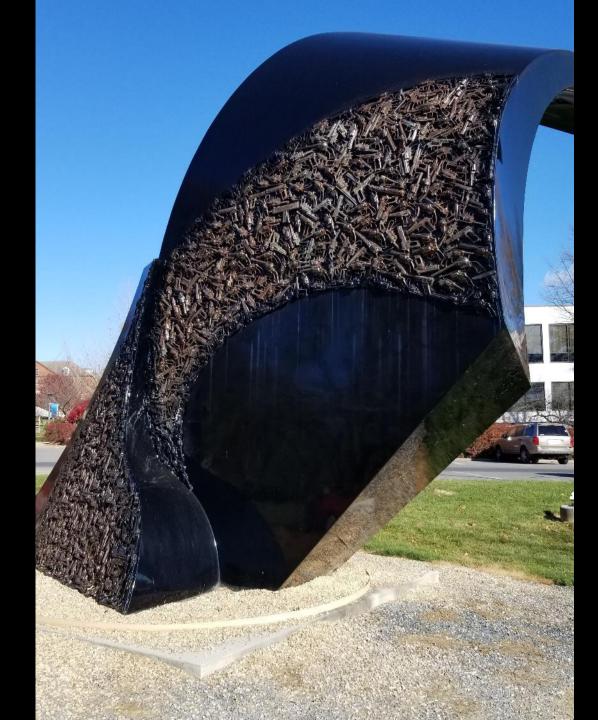
In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it....

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

"Guns into plowshares", Esther Augsberger



What do with apocalyptic passages?

- Dismiss New Testament?
- Christianity accommodated to this world?
- •Try to predict the "end times?"
- Live in creative anticipation of God's reign

Questions for Reflection

- 1. How do you understand "end-times" passages in the Bible?
- 2. What might it mean to live as if we expect the world as we know it to be transformed into God's upside-down kingdom, even if we don't see this come to pass?
- 3. What does it mean to practice "alertness" or "watching" as a spiritual discipline?